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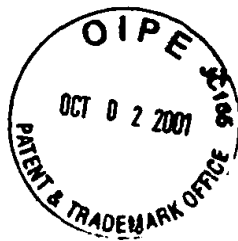
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following information which includes information cited and discussed in the specification:

DE 39 41 246 A1, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning at paragraph [0005]

EP 0 708 137 A1, accompanied by an English language abstract, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning at paragraph [0006]

EP 0 940 462 A2, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning at paragraph [0026]

GB 2,239,870, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning at paragraph [0005]



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J. Schnetger, Dictionary of Rubber Technology [Lexikon der Kautschuk-Technik], Hüthig Buch Verlag, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Heidelberg, 1991, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning at paragraph [0022]

V. Null, "Safe Process Oils for Tires with Low Environmental Impact", Kautschuk Gummi Kunststoffe, 12/1999, S. 799-805, which is cited and discussed in the specification beginning at paragraph [0026]

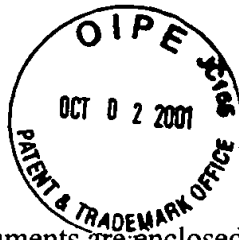
Applicants submit herewith a copy of a European Search Report issued in connection with counterpart application EP 00 11 5852, which lists the following information:

EP 0 799 726 A, as a "Y" category document (i.e., A document that calls into question the inventive step when considered with another document from this category). In particular the European Examiner noted that claims 1-10 as relevant to the abstract, claim 1 and Table 1 of the European document. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of family member U.S. Patent No. 5,905,112;

EP 0 524 164 A, as a "Y" category document. In particular the European Examiner noted that claims 1-10 as relevant to the abstract, claims, and page 3, lines 3-6 of the European document. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of family member U.S. Patent No. 5,252,649; and

EP 0 831 123 A, as an "A" category document (i.e., a document relevant to the technological background of the invention). In particular the European Examiner noted claim 1 as relevant to the abstract and claims of the European document.

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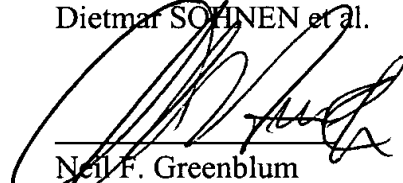


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Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed, including the European Search Report, accompanied by a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this matter, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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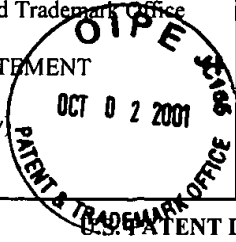


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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
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